

Remarks

Claims 9 and 12-14 are currently pending. Claim 9 is allowed. Claims 12-14 and 16-21 are canceled herein.

Claim 14 is objected to for informalities; cancellation of said claim obviates the rejection.

Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Said claims are canceled, obviating the rejection.

Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Makriyannis et al. These claims are canceled herewith, thus obviating the rejection.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants assert the claims are enabled and in condition for allowance. If a telephonic communication will advance the prosecution of the instant application, please telephone Applicants' representative indicated below. Applicants believe no additional fees are due, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this amendment to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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